

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, July 20, 2025

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✠ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*

When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is *appropriate to sit if needed*

Greeting And Announcements: *The Lord be with you! And also with you!*

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Kneel]

*Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

Introit



[Antiphon] *Your word is a lamp | to my feet__ || and a | light__ to my | path.*

Verse 1: **The Lord | is my por- tion; || I | •promise• to keep your | words.**

Verse 2: *I entreat your favor with | all my heart __; || be gracious to me ac- | cord- ing to your | •promise•.*

Verse 3: **When I think | on my ways__, || I turn my feet to your | tes- ti- mo-__ | nies;**

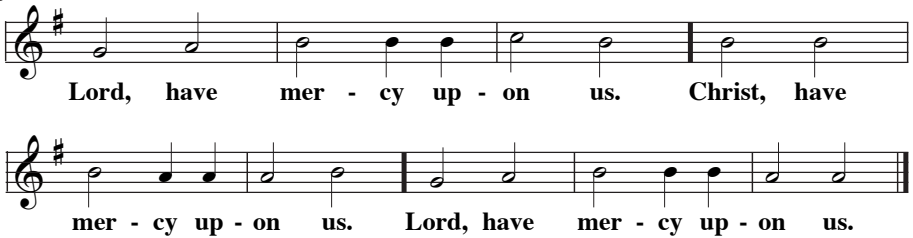
Verse 4: *I hasten and | do not de- lay || to | keep__ your com- | •mandments•.*

Verse 5: **The earth, O Lord, is full of your | stead- fast love__; || teach | me your stat-__ | utes!**

Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son__; || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now__, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

[Antiphon] **Your word is a lamp | to my feet__ || and a | light__ to my | path.**

Kyrie



Gloria



1. *Glory be to God on high: And on earth . . . peace good will • toward • men*
2. *We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great • glory.*



3. *O Lord God, heav'n- ly King, God, the Fa- ther Al-__ • mighty, •*
4. *O Lord, the only- begotten Son, Je- sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, . . . Son__ of the • Father, •*

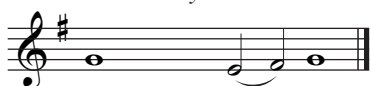


5. *That takest away the . . sin • of the • world, have mercy up - - - - - on__ us.*
6. *Thou that takest away the sin • of the • world, re - - - - - ceive our • prayer •*
7. *Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the • Father, • have mercy up - - - - - on__ us.*



8. *For Thou • only • art • holy • Thou on - - ly art the Lord.*
9. *Thou, only, O art most Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | • glory • of God the • Father. • A-men.*

The Lord be with you.



Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: *O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



[*Be Seated*]

Old Testament Reading Genesis 18:1-14

[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle of the Day Colossians 1:21-29

[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

[*Rise*]

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith. Alleluia!*



Holy Gospel St. Luke 10:38-42

[*The Gospel is announced.*]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[*The Gospel is proclaimed.*]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[Bow] **And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;**

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life $\frac{1}{2}$ of the world to come. Amen!

[*Be Seated*]

Hymn of the Day One Thing's Needful Burgundy Hymn 536

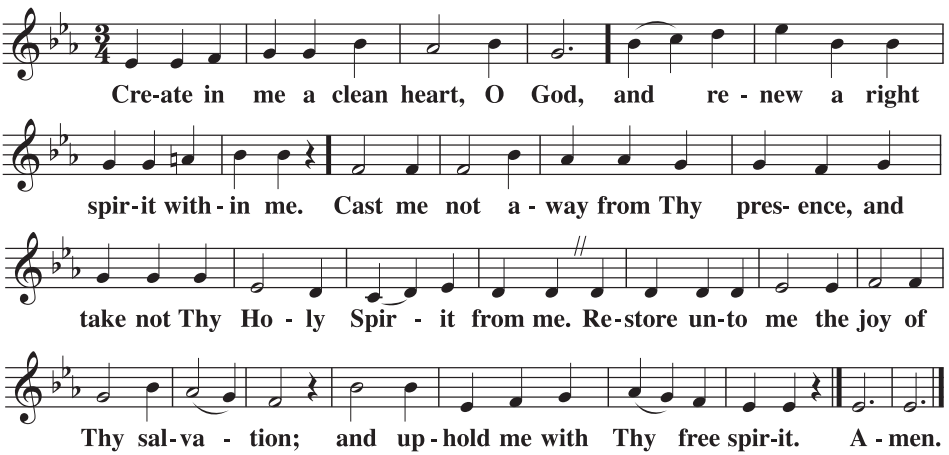
Sermon

[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**
[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever **Amen.**

[Be Seated] **Offerings, Voluntary**

[Rise] **OffertoryCreate in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

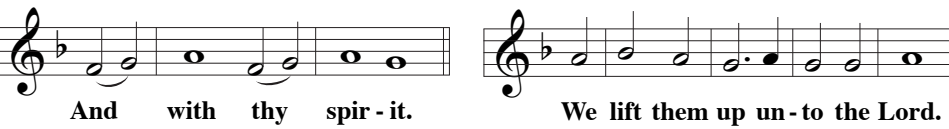


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ **The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar** +

Preface

The Lord be with you. *Lift up your hearts.*



And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

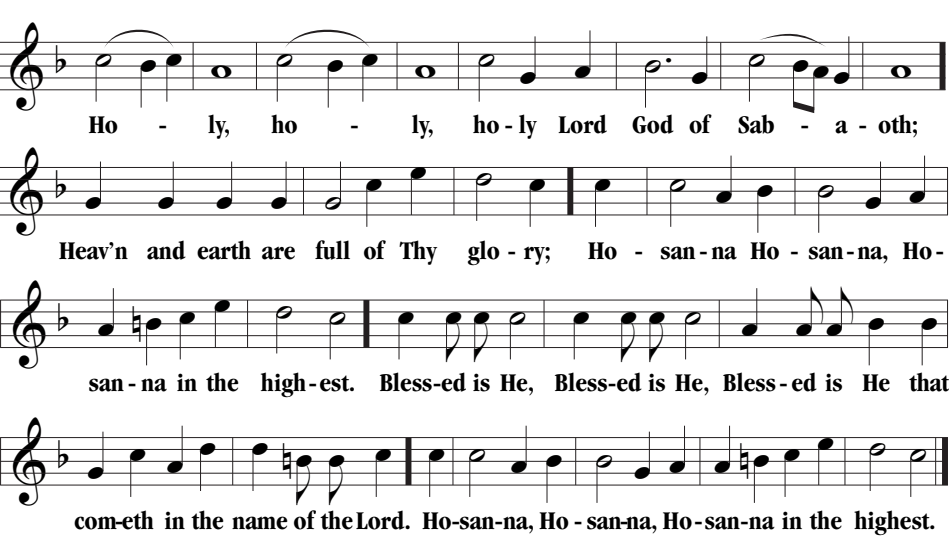
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

Common Preface, Sanctus

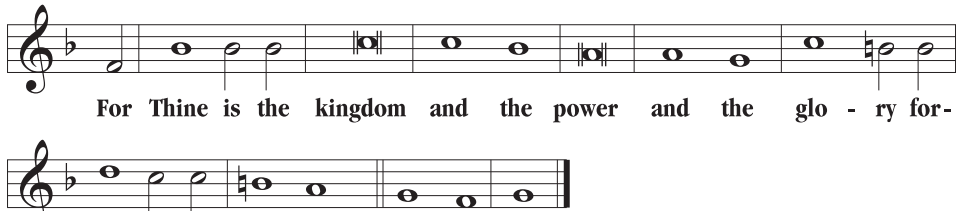
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that
com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer**

[Pastor chants:] *Our Father who art in heaven; but deliver us from evil.*



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -
ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

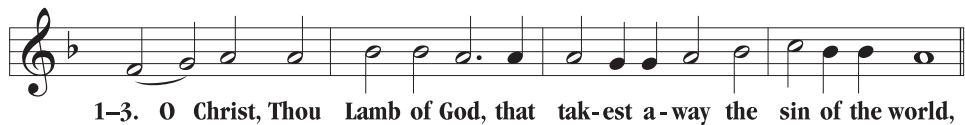
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



A - men.

Agnus Dei



1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
Stanzas 1 and 2 *Stanza 3*
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - - men!


[Be Seated]


Distribution Hymns **Lord Jesus Christ** **Burgundy Hymn 585**
O Jesus, Blessed Lord **Burgundy Hymn 632**


[Rise] **Eucharistic Benediction**

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle **The Nunc Dimittis**



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre- pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.


3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - ra-el.


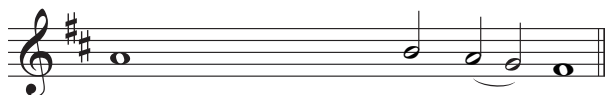
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it — was in the
beginning, is
now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



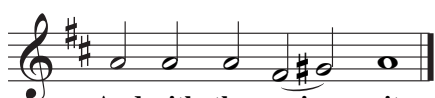
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



A-men, A-men, A - men.

During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn Lord, Thee I Love RED Hymn 429

Postlude

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PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our teachers at end of another academic year, our fieldworker Nate Demlow, and vicars Matthew Harrison and Paul Mroczenski (Paul vicaring in Puerto Rico)
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Frank Jackson, Earl Marcel Sisson, Richard Lammert, Phyllis Lattimore, Nate Demlow, Debra Busche, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Jason & Susan Kaiser
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Virginia Hollman
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 22nd wedding anniversary of Jason & Susan Kaiser by David & Janeen Kaiser. The Altar Vases are given in remembrance of Virginia Hollman by her husband Richard Hollman and family. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

July 20, 2025 thru July 26, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.			
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
WED.		NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE	
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis this week	Conference Room

July 27, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** — They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** — They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** — They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer

Luke 10:38-42

Acts 16:23-40

Acts 18:1-11, 23-28

Acts 19:1-22

Acts 21:15-36

Acts 21:37-22:16

Acts 22:17-29

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Genesis 18:1-14

1 Samuel 4:1-22

1 Samuel 5:1-6:3, 10-16

1 Samuel 6:19-7:17

1 Samuel 8:1-22

1 Samuel 9:1-27

1 Samuel 10:1-27

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Richard, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily] **The Our Father**

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:17--33

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

Readings for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 18:1-14

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on— since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

The Epistle is Colossians 1:21-29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word

of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

The Gospel is Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB536 One Thing's Needful

Johann Heinrich Schröder

1. One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure Teach me highly to regard.
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard!
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
This one thing is needful; all others are vain—
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!
2. How were Mary's thoughts devoted Her eternal joy to find
As intent each word she noted At her Savior's feet reclined!
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!
All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord
And found her contentment in hearing His Word.
3. Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, is revealed in You.
Let me find in You my pleasure, And my wayward will subdue,
Humility there and simplicity reigning.
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,
The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.
4. Nothing have I, Christ, to offer, You alone, my highest good.
Nothing have I, Lord, to proffer But Your crimson-colored blood.
Your death on the cross has death wholly defeated
And thereby my righteousness fully completed;
Salvation's white raiments I there did obtain,
And in them in glory with You I shall reign.
5. Therefore You alone, my Savior, Shall be all in all to me;
Search my heart and my behavior, Root out all hypocrisy.
Through all my life's pilgrimage, guard and uphold me,
In loving forgiveness, O Jesus, enfold me.
This one thing is needful; all others are vain—
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!

LSB585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Philip Melancthon

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1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light,
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
2. In those last days of great distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent
Your holy Word and Sacrament.
3. To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace
Into each dark and loveless place.
4. May glorious truths that we have heard,
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,
Bold, unified in act and song.
5. Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
6. Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through –
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

LSB632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Thomas Hansen Kingo

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.
2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile,
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.
3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Trusting in God's Prevenient Promises

6. If man is to deal with God and receive anything from him, it must happen in this manner, not that man begins and lays the first stone, but that God alone—without any entreaty or desire of man—must first come and give him a promise. This word of God is the beginning, the foundation, the rock, upon which afterward all works, words, and thoughts of man must build. This word man must gratefully accept. He must faithfully believe the divine promise and by no means doubt that it is and comes to pass just as God promises. This trust and faith is the beginning, middle, and end of all works and righteousness. For because man does God the honor of regarding and confessing him as true, he becomes to man a gracious God, who in turn honors man and regards and confesses him as true. Thus it is not possible that a man, of his own reason and strength, should by works ascend to heaven, anticipating God and moving him to be gracious. On the contrary God must anticipate all [of man's] works and thoughts, and make a promise clearly expressed in words, which man then takes and keeps in a good, firm faith.

Then there follows the Holy Spirit, who is given to man for the sake of this same faith.

7. Such a promise was given to Adam after his fall, when God spoke to the serpent [Gen. 3:15] ... God summoned Abraham out of his fatherland and promised him that by his descendants all nations should be blessed [Gen. 22:18]. This promise Abraham believed and obeyed and thereby was justified and became a friend of God [Gen. 15:6]. In the same book this promise to Abraham is cited significantly and repeatedly, enlarged, and clarified, until Isaac is promised to him [Gen. 18:10-14], who was to be the seed from which Christ and every blessing should come. Abraham's children were kept in this faith in God's promise until the time of Christ ...

Luther's Works, 35:82-3.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, July 10, 2025

(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), A. Litke (secretary), W. Krause, F. Jackson, J. Teasdale, K. Vlot.

Elder absent: T. Muehl.

Pastor (absent): Pr. Punke.

Richard Lammert led the elders in a devotion by continuing the reading of Article V of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

The elders reviewed Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting July 1, 2025, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by September 30, 2025." The elders will wait until Pastor Punke has had the opportunity to prepare a list of the longer-term inactive members (those with an absence longer than four Sundays) before considering ways to contact them.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #1: "In January of 2025, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion." The elders will schedule the start of the Every One His Witness workshop in September or the first part of October, in order to finish the six sessions before the beginning of Advent. The exact day and time will be decided in the August meeting when Pastor Punke can present choices for dates that will work best on the church calendar.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #4: "The Council of Elders will work through an ad-hoc committee with the Administrative Council and Education Council to determine whether to proceed and how to proceed to respond to the results of the CADDs survey, with a report by September 30, 2025." All members have been appointed: from the Council of Elders, Frank Jackson and Kurt Vlot; from the Education Council, Rev. Mike Bahr; from the Administrative Council, Ned Hollman and Mark Muehl. The ad-hoc committee has not yet met; Frank Jackson, acting as convener and chairman, will preside over the work of the committee.

CADDS survey, with a report by September 30, 2025.” All members have been appointed: from the Council of Elders, Frank Jackson and Kurt Vlot; from the Education Council, Rev. Mike Bahr; from the Administrative Council, Ned Hollman and Mark Muehl. The ad-hoc committee has not yet met; Frank Jackson, acting as convener and chairman, will preside over the work of the committee.

In accordance with congregational bylaws, §V.D, the elders reviewed and approved by a voice vote the proposed slate of candidates for the congregational meeting on August 3.

The elders began reviewing and amending the congregational document *The Wedding Service at Zion*, last updated on August 8, 2015.

The meeting was closed by praying Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Lammert, Chairman



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